

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 154

Introduced by Assembly Member Fuentes

April 12, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 154—Relative to Universal
Preschool Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 154, as introduced, Fuentes. Universal Preschool Week.

This measure would proclaim the 4th week of April each year as Universal Preschool Week, and that each house of the Legislature commemorate Universal Preschool Week with appropriate, meaningful activities that will educate the people of California about the value of preschool, and encourage their constituents to enroll their 3- and 4-year-old children in preschool programs.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Research shows that high-quality preschool greatly
2 benefits a child during his or her formative years; and
3 WHEREAS, A high-quality preschool helps to build a child's
4 social skills and self-confidence, and gives a child the foundation
5 of knowledge needed to succeed in kindergarten and beyond; and
6 WHEREAS, Studies show that children who have attended
7 preschool are more likely to read by the third grade, graduate from
8 high school, and pursue higher education, and are less likely to be
9 held back, placed in special education, or become involved in
10 crime; and
11 WHEREAS, A recent study by the RAND Corporation shows
12 that for every dollar invested in high-quality preschool, the public

1 saves more than double that amount in reduced special education
2 needs, crime prevention, and other costs; now, therefore, be it
3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
4 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the fourth week
5 of April every year as Universal Preschool Week; and be it further
6 *Resolved*, That each house of the Legislature commemorate
7 Universal Preschool Week with appropriate, meaningful activities
8 that will educate the people of California about the value of
9 preschool, and encourage their constituents to enroll their 3- and
10 4-year-old children in preschool programs; and be it further
11 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
12 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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